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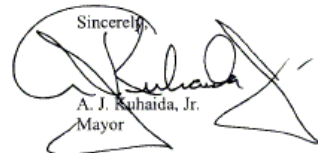
Mr. Gary S. Hartman  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Oak Ridge Operations Office  
Post Office Box 2001  
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-2001

Dear Mr. Hartman:

On behalf of the City Council of Oak Ridge, the home of the Y-12 Plant, I am pleased to provide comments on the Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for the Y-12 Plant. This plant has played a critical role in ensuring our national security for the past fifty-five years. This national security mission is an integral part of the heritage of the City of Oak Ridge and we are extremely proud of our track record of working closely with the Department of Energy (DOE) on all issues related to Y-12.

We commend DOE for its preparation of the Draft SWEIS and want to express strong support of upgrades of existing Y-12 facilities and construction of new facilities for two of Y-12's critical missions. The Y-12 Plant has many world class manufacturing capabilities that currently support a wide variety of important national programs. We fully support actions that help maintain these world class capabilities at the Y-12 Plant and that modernize the processes and facilities associated with these capabilities. Modernization of these Y-12 Plant processes and facilities and the proposed new construction will ensure a continued effective response by Y-12 to its national security missions while reducing its operating costs and more effectively dealing with health, safety and environmental concerns. Certainly modernization of Y-12 is good for Oak Ridge, but more importantly, it is good for our national security.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this issue that is so important to the citizens of Oak Ridge. Please include them in the public hearing record.

Sincerely,  
  
A. J. Kuhada, Jr.  
Mayor

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Comment noted.

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